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left alone with her father at the sea-side for a day, which was a rare experience. On the way down to the beach she urinated in her knickers, her father having to take these off for her. He put on her bathing suit, and before they had gone much further she had defaecated into this—a quite unheard of occurrence in her life.

2. At 4 years of age, N. persistently drank her bath water, and would not yield to correction about this. On one occasion she was caught drinking the water in which tadpoles had lived and died.

3. J. and H., aged 1;6 and 3;6 respectively, were found comparing the amounts of faeces in the two chamber pots after they had defaecated. The elder boy told his mother, "I did *three* things, J. only did two."

4. In childhood, X. slept in a bed placed close along a wall. At 7 or 8 years she had the habit of depositing the dirt from her nose on the wall, and on one occasion put a fragment of faeces there, suffering great shame at the memory of this in later childhood. As a grown woman she had a great dislike of dark or patterned wall-papers.

5. K., 9 months. She was lying on her rug in the garden; several friendly adults were near, looking at her, talking to and about her. Her uncle went up to her, whereupon she began to smile and laugh and gurgle, and wriggle about, with an appearance of great pleasure. He thought these were signs of pleased recognition of himself, and friendliness to him. He laughed back, and repeated the little grunting noises—er, er, er< which she was making. After a few moments, the smile faded and the grunts and gurgles ceased, and she lay quiet. Her nannie, who was near, recognised the situation and took her up to change her—she had evacuated into her napkin.

6. An adult patient had a dream in which he and his analyst "were sitting at a fireside carrying on

the analysis."
He, the patient, "was playing with a poker in the
coals on the
hearth ". On the basis of many previous
associations to coal
and fire, the analyst suggested that this item
in the dream
represented either the infantile wish to play
with urine and
faeces, or the memory of having done so. The
patient at once
said, " That was what the baby visitor was doing
yesterday"—
a child of fifteen months, who had urinated on
the floor, and
before anyone could intervene, had stamped
and splashed in
it with her feet. The child's parents had told
my patient that
" she was always doing that."